

Remarks

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

The rejected and withdrawn claims are cancelled without prejudice to reasserting them in a continuing application. The remaining claims are placed in allowable condition by rewriting them in independent form. Applicant notes that 35 U.S.C. Section 112 fourth paragraph states that "A claim in dependent form shall be construed to incorporate by reference all the limitations of the claim to which it refers." Thus, the scope of these rewritten claims is not changed, and these claims are not amended for purposes of patentability: the claims were already deemed to be patentable by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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